

Supervisor Romaine Announces Town Youth Bureau, and IRS Team Up Again with Annual "Totes For Tots" Drive

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Program to help children entering foster care

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced that the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau and the Holtsville Internal Revenue Service Center have once again teamed up for the annual "Totes for Tots" drive to help children entering foster care. Under the program, which is run by the Brookhaven Youth Bureau's INTERFACE program, new and gently used duffel bags, large backpacks and small suitcases are filled with coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals, a blanket, toothbrush and toothpaste and other items. These bags are then given to displaced children who are being moved to foster homes to help with the packing of their belongings, rather than having their possessions placed in bags.

"During one of the most difficult times in their young lives this program helps to give children some dignity and make their move a little less traumatic," said Supervisor Romaine. "I want to thank the employees of the Holtsville IRS Service Center for partnering with us and ask that people open their hearts and make a donation."

Residents are asked to donate new or gently used suitcases or backpacks, as well as new tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, books, small blankets, stuffed animals, crayons, coloring books, writing paper and pencils. The Town will have donation boxes set up at Town Hall, One Independence Hill in Farmingville and at the Highway Department's main office Old Town Road in Coram starting on March 2. Business hours at both locations are Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

To donate to this program, contact the Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Program at 451-8011.

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